

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of:  
Susan W. BARNETT et al.

Application No.: 09/475,704

Confirmation No.: 6738

Filed: December 30, 1999

Art Unit: 1635

For: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING  
ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDES,  
POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

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Examiner: J. Pitrak

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 16, 2009 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20090114), for which a response was due on April 16, 2009, and the Advisory Action dated May 4, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for the response to July 16, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is also enclosed. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.